

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 819
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David O. Bolling of
Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of David O. Bolling, former County Executive of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, David Bolling was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Bolling was a longtime resident of Anderson County; he graduated from Norris High School in 1938 and the University of Tennessee in 1942; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the United States Army Air Corps, David Bolling served his country with great honor and distinction as a gunner on long-range bombers during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Bolling completed his military service, he returned to Tennessee and entered the automobile business; as owner of Morris-Bolling Ford in Clinton, he served as president of the Ford Dealers National Association, and in 1972 was named the national vice chairman of the Ford Dealer Council; and

WHEREAS, David Bolling soon embarked upon a second career of public service to the people of Anderson County, serving first as executive director of Melton Hill Regional Industrial Development Association; he was first elected to the Anderson County Commission in 1967, and served until his 1978 election as County Executive; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction as Anderson County Executive for twenty years, he earned the respect of his colleagues and his constituents for the exemplary quality of his work

and his dedication to duty; he was renowned for his continued efforts to secure additional funding from the Department of Energy, which is the major landholder in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as County Executive in 1997, David Bolling was once again elected to the Anderson County Commission; he was serving his first term as County Commissioner for District Two at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolling was a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and a valuable asset to his community; he served as the first president of the former Clinton Jaycees and as chairman of the board of the former Oak Ridge Hospital; in 2003 he received the Oak Ridge Rotary Club's Vocational Service Award; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Clinton First Baptist Church, where he had served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, David Bolling was blessed throughout his life with many treasured friendships; he was also deeply devoted to his family, and had been anxiously awaiting the birth of his new granddaughter, Caroline Bolling; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolling always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; by his passing, he has been reunited with his beloved wife, Judy Keeney Bolling; and sisters, Sara Jo Mazur and Carolyn Seargent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolling is survived by his brother, Landrum Bolling; son, David Bolling and wife Jennifer; daughters, Jamie Jones and husband Steve, and Jackie Brown; and grandchildren, Carter Bolling, and Katie, Steven, and Ben Jones; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, David Bolling distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest ability and integrity, leaving behind an indelible legacy of integrity, respect, and commitment to the people of Anderson County, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of former Anderson County Executive David O.

Bolling, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and valued colleagues and friends of David O. Bolling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.